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In Re the Application of:

ROBERT S. BEACH

Application No.: 09/827,278

Filed: April 4, 2001

For: **Spin Valve Sensor With An
Antiferromagnetic Layer Between Two
Pinned Layers**

Art Group: 2652

Examiner: Julie A. Watko

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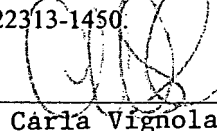
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